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SUBJECT: VISIT OF HAITI'S FOREIGN MINISTER TO IRAN AND ISRAEL

1. FOREIGN MINISTER BRUTUS DEPARTS AUGUST 17 FOR VISIT TO IRAN AND ISRAEL, EXPECTING TO RETURN AUGUST 28/29. IN IRAN HE IS SCHEDULED TO HAVE AUDIENCE WITH SHAH AUGUST 21 AND TO DISCUSS EXPANSION OF COMMERCIAL RELATIONS, INVESTMENTS IN HAITIAN SUGAR INDUSTRY, AND OPENING OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

2. PRINCE AZOD, GENERAL DIRECTOR OF ALVAZ SUGAR BEET AND REFINERY CO., LTD. AND VICE PRESIDENT, CHAMBER OF INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE OF IRAN, WAS IN HAITI AUGUST 7-9 TO COMPLETE FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRIP. AZOD, WHO HAS LONG AND VIGOROUSLY PROMOTED CLOSER TIES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, AND WHO APPEARS GENUINELY CONCERNED WITH BETTERING THE LOT OF THE HAITIAN PEOPLE, TOLD ME AUGUST 9 HE IS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR SUBSTANTIAL IRANIAN INVESTMENT I
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SUGAR-PRODUCING AREAS NEAR LES CAYES AND ENVISAGED ACCOMPANYING INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE, NOTABLY ROADS.

3. THE ISRAEL STOPOVER APPEARS TO BE PRIMARILY A VISIT OF
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FRIENDSHIP TO CONVEY HAITIAN GRATITUDE FOR ISRAELI TECHNICAL

ASSISTANCE IN AGRICULTURE, AGRONOMIST TRAINING, AND COOPERATIVE FORMATION. HAITIANS WERE VERY WELL IMPRESSED ALSO WITH MRS. MOSHE DAYAN WHO ON BEHALF OF OAS RECENTLY VISITED HAITI AS PART OF EFFORT TO STIMULATE HANDICRAFTS IN LATIN AMERICA.

4. BRUTUS, 62, IS RESPECTED, ARTICULATE (IN FRENCH ONLY) AND EXPERIENCED IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HAVING SERVED THROUGHOUT THE 60'S AS AMBASSADOR TO BRAZIL AND THE NETHERLANDS. SINCE ASSUMING HIS PRESENT DUTIES IN MARCH 1974, BRUTUS HAS MADE QUIET, STEADY EFFORTS TO INTRODUCE AMONG HIS COLLEAGUES A MORE REALISTIC, LESS NARROWLY NATIONALISTIC VIEW OF HAITIAN/US RELATIONS, AND IS DEFINITELY A FRIEND, TERMING US/HAITIAN AMITY A "GEOGRAPHIC IMPERATIVE."

5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COURTESIES OR ASSISTANCE THAT EMBASSIES TEHRAN AND TEL AVIV MAY BE IN POSITION RENDER BRUTUS. ISHAM

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